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SUBJECT:COCOM LIST REVIEW - IL 1131-33, VALVES AND PUMPS

REFS: A. COCOM DOC REV (74) 113L/2 AND 1133/3
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1. US EXPERTS REMAIN CONVINCED THAT PUMPS AND VALVES FOR LIQUID DEUTERIUM, HYDROGEN AND HELIUM DESERVE CONTINUED COVERAGE UNDER THE FIRST CRITERIA AND SECOND AS WELL AS BY REASON OF THEIR ESSENTIAL RELATIONSHIP TO EMBARGOED TECHNOLOGIES AND PRODUCTS. THEY FEEL THAT THE GERMAN PROPOSALS, HOWEVER TECHNICALLY PRECISE, DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO EASY ADMINISTRATION AND WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF RELEASING EQUIPMENT IN THE MINUS 250 DEGREE CELSIUS RANGE WHICH IS WITHIN THE HANDLING AREA FOR THESE THREE GASSES IN LIQUID FORM. BUT MORE FUNDAMENTALLY, DEFENSE ORIENTED CONSUMERS OF THOSE PRODUCTS FEEL THAT THE GERMAN APPROACH WOULD EFFECTIVELY RE-
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LEASE PUMPS AND VALVES USEABLE WITH THE THREE LIQUIFIED GASES AND THEREBY UNDERCUT THE EMBARGO ENTIRELY. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE GERMAN DEL HAS NOT ADVANCED ANY JUSTIFICATION OR EXPLANATION FOR ITS DESIRES OR LEGITIMATE COMMERCIAL NEED

TO SLICE THE EMBARGO SO THINLY EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE ATTEMPTED
TO ELICIT ITS REASONING.

2. WE NOTE THAT IN REF B THE CHAIRMAN HAS RULED THAT THE US

PROPOSAL RE LIQUID FLUORINE SHOULD BE MADE IN THE DEFINITION SERIES OF DOCUMENTS AND THEREFORE THE REQUESTED RECOVERAGE MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR DISCUSSION ON JUNE 26. HOWEVER, IN WHATEVER SERIES, DEL IS REQUESTED TO REVISE THE US PROPOSAL AS FOLLOWS: "SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR HANDLING LIQUIFIED FLUORINE." COVERAGE OF THIS EQUIPMENT WAS OVERLOOKED IN THE 1971-72 LIST REVIEW WHEN THE TEMPERATURE CUTOFF WAS LOWERED TO MINUS 200 DEGREES CELSIUS IN ORDER TO RELEASE COMMERCIAL LIQUIFIED NITROGEN EQUIPMENT. IT IS APPARANT THAT THE COMMITTEE AND THE US HAD NO INTENTION OF RELEASING PUMPS AND VALVES FOR LIQUID FLUORINE BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT NO PROPOSALS WERE MADE FOR CHANGE IN THE LIQUIFIED FLUORINE PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT COVERED BY IL 1110 OR IN THAT SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR ITS STORAGE IN IL 1145. PUMPS AND VALVES FOR HANDLING LIQUID FLUORINE ARE UNIQUE IN CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE THAT HIGHLY CORROSIVE SUBSTANCE. LIQUIFIED FLUORINE ITSELF IS COVERED BY AEL 14 AND IS USED IN THE PROCESS FOR SEPARATING URANIUM ISOTOPES.

3. IN VIEW OF THE EXPLANATION PROVIDED BY THE JAPANESE DEL CONCERNING THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF SOME OF ITS MANUFACTURERS, DEL MAY CONCUR IN THE ADDITIONAL RELAXATION TO MINUS 220 DEGREES AS REQUESTED. KISSINGER

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